

### Sunfield's Early Merchant Dies

Ed. Stinchcomb Started in Business at "Burnstown" More Than Fifty Years Ago.

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T. E. Stinchcomb, 72, died late Tuesday night, after an illness of about two years. He was Sunfield's oldest business man, having been a merchant here for over 50 years. In 1880 he entered upon his first business venture with a general store at the intersection of M-39 and First street, then called "Burnstown."

Mr. Stinchcomb was born at Gary, Indiana, on April 20, 1860, and came with his parents to Eaton county in 1870 and settled on the homestead now owned by Monroe Stinchcomb. In 1881 he was united in marriage to Margaret Horn of Woodbury. One son, Archie M., was born to this union. In 1888, when the railroad was built through here he erected a store at the present location of the Stinchcomb Drug store. This was under the name of Stinchcomb & Snyder but later he took his brother David as a partner. Mrs. Stinchcomb died in 1908 and the son took over the partnership of the brother.

Mr. Stinchcomb was married to Evelyn Toaz in 1910.

In 1920 he sold his interests in the drug store to his son and a short time later he and Mrs. Stinchcomb entered into the present mercantile business.

He was a member of the F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F., and had been both president and alderman of the village.

He is survived by the widow and one son, Archie, also one brother, Monroe, all of Sunfield.

Funeral services were held from the home Friday at 2:00 p. m. with Rev. Don Carrick officiating and interment in the Sunfield cemetery. Pallbearers were Archie and Ernest Smith, Leon Stinchcomb, Ernest Hough, Lyle VanMere and Fred T. Reahm, all nephews.

visions of the Jews; their prosperity His coming; their darkest calamities only to display, with the force of strength of their God, and the glory of their Rabbinical interdict repressed the darkness still baffled, would still penetrate "Cursed be he who calculates the time

### MRS. MARIA

Maria E. Gorham was born in Bung Vesta, Wisconsin, the 7th day of March, 1855, and departed this life on January 22, 1934, at Hill Hospital, Vermontville, Michigan.

She came with her parents to Michigan at the age of four years where they settled in Calhoun County later moving to Eaton County in Sunfield township, where she was one of the early pioneers of that place.

On July 26, 1874 she was united in marriage to Myron C. Steves, also of Sunfield township, they later moving to Vermontville township where they have since resided, Mr. Steves preceding her in death seven years ago.

To this union was born four children, Cora B. Rawson of Vermontville, Albert C. Steves of Mulliken, Glenn M. Steves who departed this life January 6, 1916, and one child dying in infancy.

Mrs. Steves was of a sunny, jovial nature, a kind, affectionate mother, a true friend, and will be sadly missed by all who knew her. She was an active member of the Woman's Relief Corps, always taking a keen interest in the activities of the community where she lived.

She leaves beside the daughter and son, two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Walsh of Sunfield, Mrs. Jane Shaffer of Lansing, seven grandchildren, who with other relatives and a host of friends will always cherish her memory.

Funeral services were held at her late home on East Main Street, Thursday at 1:30 p. m. with a large attendance of relatives, neighbors and friends. Elder Roach officiating. Interment in the Freeman cemetery.

Those attending the funeral from away were: Mrs. Jane Shaffer and son Arland of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Walsh of Sunfield, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pugh of Lake Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gorham of Battle Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Gorham of Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Parr, Mrs. Fred Woodman and Mrs. Lewis Ross of Charlotte.